

IN THE CLAIMS

This is a complete and current listing of the claims, marked with status identifiers in parentheses. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for determining a degree of verifying ~~(16)~~ compliance with a performance specification assigned to a medical working practice ~~(2)~~, ~~having the following steps~~ the method comprising:

— recording and storing data ~~(8)~~ correlated with the medical working practice ~~(2)~~ ~~are automatically recorded and stored in a data-processing device~~ ~~(4)~~; i

— storing test criteria for the data ~~(14)~~, correlated with the performance specification, ~~for the data, (8) are stored in a test system~~ ~~(18)~~; i

— carrying out the working practice; ~~(2) is carried out,~~

— reading, via the test system, ~~(18) reads the data (8) out from the data-processing device~~ ~~(4)~~; and

— evaluating, via the test system, ~~(18) evaluates the data (8) with the aid of the test criteria (14) and determines determining the a degree of compliance with the performance specification.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

— clinical data are collected as the medical working practice ~~(2)~~, the collection process being assigned a collection protocol as the performance specification.

3. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein:

— a measurement value ~~(6)~~ for a clinical study is collected from a patient as the medical working practice ~~(2)~~, and

— the test system (18) sends the measurement value (6) as a valid measurement value to a study database (26) if the collection protocol is complied with.

4. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein:

— a knowledge-based system is used as the test system (18), and

— the performance specification is stored in the form of a rule set in the knowledge-based system.

5. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the performance specification is stored as a module in the rule set.

6. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~which wherein the method is carried out automatically after each medical working practice (2).~~

7. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein:

— if the performance specification is not complied with, a decision is made as to whether it is possible to repeat the working practice and, if so, repetition is requested; and

— if repetition is possible, a corresponding repetition request is made to those carrying it out.

8. (New) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein:
a knowledge-based system is used as the test system, and
the performance specification is stored in the form of a rule set in the knowledge-based system.

9. (New) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein:
a knowledge-based system is used as the test system, and

the performance specification is stored in the form of a rule set in the knowledge-based system.

10. (New) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the performance specification is stored as a module in the rule set.

11. (New) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the performance specification is stored as a module in the rule set.

12. The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the method is carried out automatically after each medical working practice.

13. (New) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the method is carried out automatically after each medical working practice.

14. (New) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the method is carried out automatically after each medical working practice.

15. (New) The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the method is carried out automatically after each medical working practice.

16. (New) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein:
if the performance specification is not complied with, a decision is made as to whether it is possible to repeat the working practice and, if so, repetition is requested; and
if repetition is possible, a corresponding repetition request is made to those carrying it out.

17. (New) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein:

if the performance specification is not complied with, a decision is made as to whether it is possible to repeat the working practice and, if so, repetition is requested; and

if repetition is possible, a corresponding repetition request is made to those carrying it out.

18. (New) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein:

if the performance specification is not complied with, a decision is made as to whether it is possible to repeat the working practice and, if so, repetition is requested; and

if repetition is possible, a corresponding repetition request is made to those carrying it out.

19. (New) The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein:

if the performance specification is not complied with, a decision is made as to whether it is possible to repeat the working practice and, if so, repetition is requested; and

if repetition is possible, a corresponding repetition request is made to those carrying it out.

20. (New) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein:

if the performance specification is not complied with, a decision is made as to whether it is possible to repeat the working practice and, if so, repetition is requested; and

if repetition is possible, a corresponding repetition request is made to those carrying it out.